

HOUSE BILL 972

By Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 5, relative to the department of children's
services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department shall maintain staffing levels of case managers so that each
region has enough case managers to allow caseloads to be at not more than:

(1) Twenty (20) active cases relating to initial assessments, including
investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect; or

(2) Twenty (20) children monitored and supervised in active cases
relating to ongoing services.

(b) The department shall comply with the maximum caseload ratios described in
subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.